

**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NORTHERN TERRITORY
ORNITHOLOGY: PART 2.**

Keith and Lindsay Fisher
P.O. Box 3418, Darwin, 5794.

This bibliography updates that compiled by Elizabeth Estbergs (*N.T. Naturalist* No.3: 20-36). The authors would appreciate being notified of any errors or omissions from this list. These should be sent to the Editor.

- ANON, (1984). Two birds with one stone. *Territory Digest* 6(4): 30-31. (Carpentarian Grasswren).
- BAKER, I. (1981). Black-necked Stork (Jabiru) off course. *The Bird Observer* No. 589 Jan/Feb 4.
- BARLETT, M. (1981). Bathing behaviour of the Eastern Reef Egret *Ardeotis sacra*. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 9(1): 24-25.
- BARTLETT, M. (1981). A Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*, in the Darwin area, N.T. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 9(1): 27.
- BENNETT, S. (1983). The Northern Scrub-robin *Drymodes supercilialis* in the Northern Territory. *Emu* 83(2): 105-107.
- BOEKEL, C. (1979). Notes on the status and behaviour of the Purple-crowned Fairy-wren *Malurus coronatus* in the Victoria River Downs area, Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(3): 91-97.
- BOEKEL, C. (1979). Birds, crocodiles, and (perhaps?) waterside safety. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(4): 123-127.
- BOEKEL, C. (1980). Birds of the Victoria River Downs Station and of Yarralin, Northern Territory. Part 1. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(6): 171-193.
- BOEKEL, C. (1980). Birds of the Victoria River Downs Station and of Yarralin, Northern Territory. Part 2. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(7): 205-211, Illustr.

- BRAITHWAITE, R.W. and ESTBERGS, J.A. (1982). Discovery of a Rufous Night Heron rookery in the Northern Territory. *N.T. Naturalist* No.5: 20.
- CARTER, M. (1983). Streaked Shearwaters in Northern Australia. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(4): 113-121.
- CLOSE, D.H., CORBEN, C. and COX, J.B. (1979). Comment on a record of the Lesser Black-backed Gull. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(4): 135-136.
- CRAWFORD, D.N. (1979). Numbers, species richness and equitability of coastal birds at Darwin, Northern Territory. *Aust. Journal of Ecology* 4(3): 327-330.
- CRAWFORD, D.N. (1979). Waterbirds: indices and fluctuations in dry-season refuge areas, Northern Territory. *Aust. Journ. of Wildlife Research* 6(1): 97-103.
- CRAWFORD, D.N. (1980). Saline coastal swamp in Northern Territory as a habitat for waterbirds. *Emu* 80(1): 36-38.
- CRAWFORD, D.N. (1980). Seasonal fluctuations in numbers of three species of tern in the Northern Territory. *Emu* 80(3): 166-169.
- CURRY, P.J. (1980). On the Black-backed Gulls at Melville Bay, Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(5): 166-167.
- ESTBERGS, J.A. (1981). Birds, living north. *Living North* No.2: 13-17. Illustr.
- ESTBERGS, J.A. (1981). A second record for the Northern Territory of the Painted Honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*). *N.T. Naturalist* No.4: 9.
- FISHER, K. and L. (1985). Some observations of Jasper Gorge, Victoria River Downs, N.T. *N.T. Naturalist* No.8: 13-16 (Includes list of birds observed).
- FORSHAW, J.M. (1979). Status of grassfinches in the Katherine District, Northern Territory. *Report for the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service*.

- GARDENER, T. and G. (1983). Birds in Yellow Waterhole. *GEO* 5(2): 108-119 Illustr.
- GARNETT, S. (1983). Report of the fifth aerial survey of migratory wading birds between Welpa and Milingimbi. *Stilt* No.4: 15-17.
- GARNETT, S. and MINTON, C. (1985). Notes on the movements and distribution of Little Curlew *Numenius minutus* in Northern Australia. *Aust. Bird Watcher*. 11(3): 69-73.
- JOHNSTONE, R.E. (1982). The Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* in Australia. *West. Aust. Naturalist* 5(3): 61-66 (contains references to N.T. sightings).
- LONGMORE, N.W. (1982). Nidification of the White-lined Honeyeater *Meliphaga albilineata*. *Emu* 83(4): 275.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1980). Oceanic ornithological survey between Derby, W.A. and Darwin, N.T. *N.T. Naturalist* No.3: 8-13. Illustr.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1980). A sight record of the Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* from the Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(5): 165-166.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1980). A sight record of the Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* in the Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(7): 236-237.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1980). A sight record of the Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* in the Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(7): 237.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1981). The status of gulls and terns (Laridae) in the Darwin area 1974-80. *Aust. Seabird Group Newsl.* No.15: 11-16.
- McKEAN, J.L. and HERTOOG, A.L. (1981). Some further records of uncommon migrant waders near Darwin, N.T. *N.T. Naturalist* No.4: 10-13. Illustr.
- McKEAN, J.L., HERTOOG, A.L. and MARR, N. (1982). An Australian record of the Stilt Sandpiper (*Micropalama himantopus*). *N.T. Naturalist* No.5: 22-23.

- McKEAN, J.L. (1982). A Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*) sighting from Arnhem Land, N.T. *N.T. Naturalist* No.5: 21.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1983). Lewin's Rail *Rallus pectoralis*, a new addition to the avifauna of the Northern Territory. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(4): 137.
- McKEAN, J.L. and THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). Northern Territory record of the Japanese Gull *Larus crassirostris*. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(3): 84-85. Illustr.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1983). Some notes on the occurrence of the Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* in the Northern Territory. *N.T. Naturalist* No.6: 3-8. Illustr.
- McKEAN, J.L. and THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). Subspecific identification of an Australian specimen of the Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*). *N.T. Naturalist* No.6: 14-15.
- McKEAN, J.L. and DAMPNEY, A.R. (1984). First sighting of the Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* in Australia. *N.T. Naturalist* No.7: 8-9.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1984). A Northern Territory sighting of the Baird's Sandpiper. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(5): 169.
- McKEAN, J.L. (1984). The occurrence in Australia of Gray's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella fasciolata*. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(5): 171-172.
- PANQUEE, P. and McKEAN, J.L. (1980). An unusual case of mortality in the Australian Pelican. *N.T. Naturalist* No.3: 7.
- PERCIVAL, D. (1984). Letter to the editor. *N.T. Naturalist* No.7:3 (Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* seen at Alice Springs sewerage tanks 12/11/1983).
- PERCIVAL, D. (1984). Streaked Shearwater *Calonectris leucomelas* in the Northern Territory. *N.T. Naturalist* No.7: 10-11. Illustr.
- REED, M. and McKEAN, J.L. (1982). A Northern Territory specimen of Hutton's Shearwater. *Emu* 82(4): 230.

- RHODES, L.J. (1944). Birds of the Adelaide River District, Northern Territory. *Emu* 44: 87-93.
- ROBERTS, G.J. (1980). Records of interest from the Alice Springs region. *S.Aust.Orn.* 28(4): 99-102.
- ROBERTS, G.J. (1981). Field observations of the Grey Honeyeater in Central Australia. *S.Aust.Orn.* 28(7): 190.
- ROBERTS, G.J. (1981). Observations of water-birds at the Alice Springs sewerage ponds. *S.Aust.Orn.* 28(7): 175-77.
- SCHODDE, R. and VAN TETS, G.F. (1981). First record of the Brown Hawk-owl *Ninox scutulata* from Australasia. *Emu* 81(3): 171 (Found dead on Ashmore Reef).
- SHANNON, G. and McKEAN, J.L. (1983). First record of Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* from Australia. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 10(3): 82-83. Illustr.
- STOKES, T. (1981). An agonistic display in male Shining Flycatchers. *N.T. Naturalist* No.4: 24.
- THOMAS, R. (1980). Some Arnhem Land Notes; July 1980. *Aust. Bird Watcher* 8(8): 249-251.
- THOMAS, V. (1982). Rare bird seen. *Territory Digest* 49(2): 8-9. Illustr. (Alexandra's Parrot).
- THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1982). The status of cuckoos *Cuculidae* in the Darwin area Northern Territory, 1974-1980. *N.T. Naturalist* No.5: 13-19.
- THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). Birds recorded on a visit to South Goulburn Island, Northern Territory. *Sunbird* 13(2): 21-30.
- THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). The hidden pleasures. *Territory Digest* 5(4): 32-33. Illustr.
- THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). Kakadu. *Wildlife Aust.* 20(4): 8-11. Illustr.
- THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1983). Wetlands wonder. *Territory Digest* 5(1): 28-31. Illustr.

THOMPSON, H.A.F. (1984). The status of kingfishers and their allies (*Coraciiformes*) in the Darwin area, N.T., 1974 to 1982. *N.T. Naturalist* No.7: 18-29.

TULLOCH, D.G. and MCKEAN, J.L. (1983). Magpie Goose populations on the coastal plains of the Northern Territory (1958-1980). *Corella* 7(2): 32-36.

AGONISTIC BEHAVIOUR OF FIGBIRDS AT A FRUITING BANYAN FIG

David Kowalick,
6/35 Bradshaw Tce, Nakara.

Between 13:30 and 14:30 on 20 June 1985 in the Civic Park, Darwin, approximately 15 brown-plumaged Figbirds *Sphecotheres viridis* were observed feeding on the immature fruits of a defoliated Banyan *Ficus virens*. Two other non-fruiting Banyans flanked the defoliated tree. From these trees approximately eight Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes *Coracina novaehollandiae* and one Yellow Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus* attempted to feed on the fruiting tree. The Figbirds fluffed their body feathers, fanned their tails and with outstretched necks gave a raucous chattering call when confronting the cuckoo-shrikes and oriole. Only about one in ten attempts by these intruders was successful in acquiring fruit before being driven off by a Figbird. A Helmeted Friarbird *Philemon buceroides* was apparently ignored as it fed in the tree with the Figbirds.

On the following day at the same time and location Figbirds were again observed defending their feeding space from Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes as well as ten adult male Figbirds. The male Figbirds were however more successful in obtaining fruit by forming a group and simultaneously raiding the tree. The male Figbirds succeeded in acquiring food on about eight in ten attempts by using this strategy. These birds were constantly giving a high-pitched bell-like call which became louder and more frequent just prior to each raid on the fruiting tree.